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NOTHING LESS.
THAN MUD.
* EARTH -- Eric the RED!
YET, EVEN HERE, IN WHAT I HATH GLEANED AS SOME ALTERNATE REALITY.*
-- WHERE THERE BE NO ALL-SEEING, ALL-KNOWING HIGH FATHER ODIN TO SPOIL MY WISHES.
AM I FORE'ER TO BE CONTENT AT SUFFERING THE SLINGS AND ARROWS OF DEFEAT --
-- AT THE HANDS OF MY DUNDERHEADED HALF-BROTHER --
THE "MIGHTY" THOR
AND THOSE EQUALLY UNIMPRESSIVE "AVENGERS?!"
EVEN HERE THE FATES THEMSELVES DOTH CONSPIRE AGAINST ME.
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YOU RANG.
ENCHANTRESS.
TELL ME ALL IS IN READINESS.
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AVENGERS ISLAND.
OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT SINCE THE HULK TORE THROUGH HERE.
* SEE F.F. #1, AVENGERS #6, IRON MAN #6, & CAP #6 -- Eric The Read.
THAT JUST ABOUT COMPLETES THE TRANSFERING OF ALL PERSONAL EFFECTS.
MISTER STARK WANTED ME TO ASSURE YOU HOW MUCH HE APPRECIATES YOUR COOPERATION, COLONEL FURY.
SWELL.
WRITE IF YA FIND WORK.
COMIN' FROM A TIN MAN, I FIND THAT HILARIOUS.
THE AVENGERS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AS EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES.
THEY JUST WON'T BE DOING IT AS YOUR TIN SOLDIERS.
ONLY ONE MATTER REMAINS.
WHERE IS THE VISION?
WE'RE KEEPING IT.
IT?!
THE VISION IS AN AVENGER.
AND WE AGREED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CURRENT ROSTER WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE --
-- THAT AIN'T HOW WE SEE IT, SHELLHEAD.
THE VISION WAS CREATED BY DR. HENRY PYM WHILE HE WORKED FOR S.H.I.E.L.D.
SO, IT BEIN' A WORK FOR HIRE --
-- LIKE ANY O' THE OTHER WIDGETS THAT YER BOSS, TONY STARK, BUILT FER US OVER THE YEARS --
-- THE VISION IS STAYIN' PUT.

I COULD JUST TAKE HIM, YOU KNOW.
KLIK KLAK KLIK
KLAK KLIK
BUT, YA WON'T.
'CAUSE AS LONG AS IT STAYS OFF LINE --
-- AND WITH HANK PYM AMONG THE MISSIN' --
-- THE VISION'S JUST ANOTHER HUNK OF FURNITURE THAT BELONGS TO US.
THIS ISN'T OVER, FURY.
NOT BY A LONG SHOT.
NAH.
I'M BETTIN' IT AIN'T.
"LEAST TILL ONE OF US FINDS Dr. HENRY PYM."

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GANGWAY!
THAT'S IT, HANK. KEEP TALKING TO YOURSELF.
SINCE THE NULL FIELD INSIDE THE VISION KEEPS YOU FROM COMMUNICATING WITH ANYONE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
A.N.T.
WHO'S BRIGHT IDEA WAS THIS ANYWAY --
-- INHALING THE EXPERIMENTAL MICRON GAS --
-- LOWERING MYSELF INTO THE VISION TO SEE IF I COULD SOLVE THE RIDDLE AS TO WHY --
-- AFTER THE BATTLE WITH KANG, THE VISION CEASED FUNCTIONING --
-- ONLY TO BE TRAPPED INSIDE?!*
BONK
FACE IT, HANK. YOU'VE GOT NOBODY TO BLAME BUT YOURSELF.
* SINCE AVENGERS #1 -- Eric The Tiny.

THE VISION MAY BE OFF-LINE, BUT HIS IMMUNE SYSTEM IS ON AUTO-PILOT.
"WALLS" AND "FLOORS" CONSTANTLY SHIFT DENSITY --
-- WHILE TECHNO ANTI-BODIES TRY TO RID THE SYSTEM OF A FOREIGN OBJECT.
I.E. "ME"!
SKREE
SKREE
BLAFT
WELL, ALL YOUR LIFE YOU WANTED TO BE A HERO --
-- INSTEAD OF ON THE SIDELINES. TIME TO SEE IF YOU'VE GOT THE RIGHT STUFF.
FLOOR DENSITY DISSIPATING.
HELP!
WHAM
...UAH...

NEW YORK CITY.
WHO AM I TRYIN' TO KID?
TONY STARK. CORPORATE RAIDER. "THE MAN WITHOUT A HEART."
TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN OPERATIO S.H.I.E.L.D. COULDN'T GET A HANDLE ON.
IRON MAN!
YE WILL HAVE THE PLEASURE OF THE GOD OF THUNDER ON THIS FLIGHT.
WHAT...? OH, THOR.
NOT EXACTLY USED TO HAVING COMPANY AT THIS ALTITUDE.
THERE BE FEWER TREASURES, ARMORED ONE, THAN HAVING THE CITIZENS BELOW GAZE UP IN IDYLLIC JOY.
I... SUPPOSE.
THERE THEY GO.
THE AVENGERS.
NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD.

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I THINK I WOULDST LIKE TO MEET THE SORT OF MAN WHO WOULDST GIVE UP HIS FATHER'S HOME TO A GROUP OF STRANGERS.
I'll... SEE WHAT I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
TAKE A MOMENT FOR THE SECURITY SYSTEM TO RECOGNIZE OUR BIO-SIGNATURES.
THE ENTIRE COMPLEX HAS A SOLID AIR FORCE FIELD.
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED FORCE FIELD OPENED
NEVER REALLY HAD A USE FOR MY PARENT'S HOME BEFORE.
YET, SOMEHOW, THIS FEELS... RIGHT.
SCANNING
MORE PROTECTIVE DEVICES? VERILY, I WOULDST WELCOME ANY ATTACK AT THIS POINT.
IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED PARTY OF THREE IRON MAN THOR MJOLNIR.
WHY WOULD
HOMME AS SENTIENT
NO MANSERVANT TO GREET US?
WANT
ISLAND WOULD JOB?

SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS THE HOME OF AGATHA HARKNESS.
WHERE THE WOMAN HERSELF [redacted] BEEN TRAPPED WITHIN AN OAK TREE BY LOKI, THE GOD OF MISCHIEF.*
FLIT
BZZZREK
MRROOOW
C'MON, AGATHA. YOU'RE MAKING THIS TOO HARD. EVEN FOR ME.
I KNOW THAT LOKI TURNED YOU INTO A GIANT SCRATCHING POST -- BUT YOU GOTTA GET LOOSE.
WANDA NEEDS YOU.
HELP ME HERE!
I AM SORRY, EBONY, OLD FRIEND.
BUT, ONLY BY POSSESSING YOU COULD I BE FREED.
NOW, THEN. TO YOUNG WANDA --
-- FOR WE HAVEN'T A MOMENT TO SPARE!
* SINCE ISSUE #9 -- Eric The Wood!

NIGHTIME. DOWN ARGENTINA WAY.
LOOK, REAPER, WE'RE PRETTY FAR OFF THE MAP HERE.
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO WAIT FOR THE REST OF THE --
-- NO GUTS, NO GLORY, HAWKEYE. YOU OUGHTA KNOW THAT BY NOW.
IF WE FIND THE MAN, FURY WILL HAVE TO RETHINK THIS WHOLE "AVENGERS" GIG --
-- WITH YOU AND ME AS --
BZZATT
ARGH
BZZATT
BZZATT
BZZATT
LASERS.
BZZATT
THAT'S IT, READ, WE'RE OUTTA HERE.
...MY... ARM...

# BULLPEN BULLETINS

## THE KINGPIN IS BACK ON TOP!

Once, he occupied the top strata of power, looking down from the heights of a posh NYC high-rise, and a mountain of wealth. In recent years, he suffered a fall from grace (and a separation from his tailor) and was reduced to skulking about the urban wilderness of Brooklyn while operating out of an illegal chop shop. Now, the perennial bad man from the pages of DAREDEVIL, the king-sized *Kingpin*, has clawed his way back to the top, where he intends to remain!

*Daredevil's* longtime archenemy has reestablished himself not in the Big Apple, but in the exotic and bustling locale of Hong Kong! As the head of Fujikawa International, the Kingpin is large and in charge, having staked out a sizable claim in the fast-growing world of technology! A legitimate business in its own right, Fujikawa also serves to provide the leverage its evil empire needs to enter the already-corrupt world of politics!

Of course, the Kingpin has not lost sight of the financial aspect of his business! In the pages of SPIDER-MAN and DAREDEVIL, he has been revealed that he's been trying to gain possession of the *Elixir Vitae*, which is said to cure the deadly *Legacy Virus*! As the virus affects humankind as well as mutants, this could be a huge commodity, providing the Kingpin with the filthy lucre he needs to fuel his ever-growing empire! So take a cue from DD, *Spidey*, and the *X-Men*, and don't turn your back on this bad guy — he's one to watch!

*Kingpin appears in the pages of X-MEN #64 next week!*

YOU RUTHLESS FOOL! YOU HAVE THE TEMERITY TO ADDRESS THE KINGPIN LIKE THAT?!?
YOU DARE OFFER ME THE POSITION OF YOUR LIEUTENANT?!?
I COULD BUY AND SELL YOU A HUNDRED TIMES A DAY!
AND I'LL TAKE IT BACK!
AHEM! KINGPIN... I DON'T WALK IN HERE UNPREPARED!

KINGPIN TODAY, IN X-MEN #64

KINGPIN'S FIRST APPEARANCE IN DAREDEVIL #50, JULY 1967.

# ADVENTURES IN THE BULLPEN

Ever written a letter to a comic book and wondered why it hasn't been published? Letters are selected for publication on the basis of creativity, pertinence, conciseness — and luck! Marvel Comics receives hundreds of fan letters every week, and despite the fact that most of them are well-written and incisive (Marvel readers being an intelligent bunch), there's just not enough room to print all the good ones! However, a precious few letters never make it because they're either too long, too off-the-subject, or contain material that can't be reproduced.

We asked some Marvel editors to tell us about some of the best letters they have received... and the reasons why they couldn't print them! Assistant ed *Matt Hicks* recalls a letter written to THOR last year, which contained color photos of the writer posing on a tree stump dressed in full *Thor* regalia — right up to his winged helmet! "We wanted to run those photos badly, because this guy had obviously worked really hard on this," recalls Matt. "But snapshots don't reproduce well in traditional comic book printing."

STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY editor *Bobbie Chase* says she recently got a letter from some guys "who had made up their own Andorian alphabet and language. They communicated amongst themselves using it!" Bobbie didn't print the letter in case Paramount had plans of their own regarding the language, but she and her assistant are learning to use it between themselves!

Upon cancellation of the GREEN GOBLIN series, editor *Tom Brevoort* received a letter from an irate fan who was infuriated by the cancellation — and ticked off at the creation of the book in the first place! "Every second word was an expletive," says Tom. "It holds a place of honor in my heart!" But perhaps the most interesting, unprintable letter was from a prisoner who was wrote to colorist *Marie Javins* when she was an editor here at the Bullpen. He informed her that he was to be released from jail shortly, and would be coming directly to NYC to "git her booty." Says Marie, "You can only *imagine* why we didn't print that one!"

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## EDITORIAL PROFILE: MATT DELSON EDITOR, CRANK CALLER AND SAVIOR OF MANKIND!

***HIS BOOKS:*** DEADPOOL, KA-ZAR, EXCALIBUR

***HIS LOOK:*** Spiky, yet tangy.

***HIS SCOTCH TAPE:*** Prefers clear to "magic".

***HIS REASON FOR LIVING:*** To better mankind.

***FIRST JOB THAT MADE HIM WANT TO CHUCK IT ALL AND GO INTO COMICS:*** "Hello, welcome to McDonald's..."

***FIRST JOB IN THE COMICS BIZ:*** *Tom DeFalco's* personal assistant's little helper.

***BIGGEST SACRIFICE I'VE MADE FOR COMICS:*** My life.

***BEST CRANK CALL EVER MADE:*** Nearly suckered penciler *Steve Epting* into accepting a credit card.

***BEST CRANK CALL EVER RECEIVED:*** "Hi Matt, this is *Ralph Macchio*. Would you like to be my assistant?"

***MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES RALPH MACCHIO IN LOOKS:*** We both have all our hair. (The few, the proud...)

***FREELANCE CREDITS:*** FANTASTIC FOUR #1, X-MEN #1, and *Hamlet*.

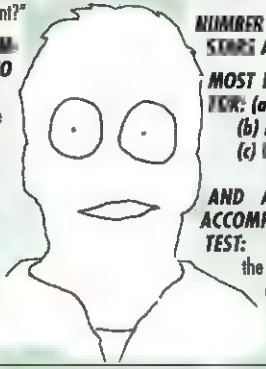
***PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY INCOME SPENT AT TOYS R US:*** 0%

***PERCENTAGE OF MONTHLY INCOME SPENT CALLING DEADPOOL PENCILER ED McGUINNESS LONG DISTANCE AND BEGGING HIM FOR PAGES:*** 100%

***NUMBER OF TIMES HE SAW STAR WARS AS A KID:*** 1200

***NUMBER OF TIMES HE SAW STAR WARS AS AN ADULT:*** 100

***MOST LIKELY TO MARRY FOR:*** (a) LOVE (b) MONEY (c) GREEN CARD (d) THE THRILLS AND ATTENTION THAT ACCOMPANY A BLOOD TEST: (e) To escape the relentless pursuit of Bullpen letterer *Caroline Wells*.



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## CHECKLIST FOR MARCH 19

**INCREDIBLE HULK #453** The streets of Duck Island are runnin' with green blood as the *Hulk* goes fist-to-chin with the Hulk of the future! By *Peter David* and *Mike Deodato, Jr.!*

**IRON MAN #7** Discover the identity of the evil force plotting *Iron Man's* plunge from grace! Plus, *Pepper Potts* tries to help *Tony Stark*, and gets the shaft herself! By *Jim Lee, Scott Lobdell, and Whilce Portacio!*

**THUNDERBOLTS #2** Young *Franklin Richards* is targeted by the *Mad Thinker*, who's hoping to take advantage of the post-*Onslaught* lack of heroes! Guess he wasn't counting on the return force of the *Thunderbolts!* By *Kurt Busiek* and *Mark Bagley!*

**WHAT IF #97** What if *Doctor Doom* seized control of post-Camelot England? Let's ask the *Black Knight* — he'll probably have some pretty definite answers! By *James Felder* and *Leonardo Manco!*

**PETER PARKER, SPIDER-MAN #80** The secrets of the mysterious *S.H.O.C.* are revealed — including his connections to *Hydra!* By *Howard Mackie* and *John Romita, Jr.!*

**ESSENTIAL WOLVERINE VOLUME 2** Mind-blowing black-and-white reprints of WOLVERINE #24-47! A must-have for collectors, or those who just wanna know how *Wolvie* became the fun-lovin' powerhouse he is today! Includes work by *John Buscema, Klaus Janson, Marc Silvestri, Larry Hama* and *Peter David!*

**EXCALIBUR #109** *Excalibur* takes on the sexy, six-armed *Spiral*, while *Captain Britain* comes this close to buying the farm! Meanwhile, *Meggan* is visited by a ghost! By *Ben Raab* and *Salvador Larroca!*

**X-MEN #64** The *X-Men* must choose between siding with the evil *Sebastian Shaw*, or taking up with the equally foul-spirited *Kingpin!* Gosh, a rock is so much more preferable to a hard place, dontcha think? By *Scott Lobdell* and *Carlos Pacheco!*

**STAR TREK: STARFLEET ACADEMY #8** A hot-headed cadet called *Edam Astrun* rockets onto the scene — and *Kamillah Goldstein's* open grave! By *Chris Cooper* and *Chris Renaud!*

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**SPIDER-MAN CYBERCOMIC #36** The villainous *Electro* holds a movie studio and *Mary Jane* hostage — and the *Black Tarantula* is looming on the horizon! By *Glenn Greenberg, Todd Nauck* and *Atomic Paintbrush!*

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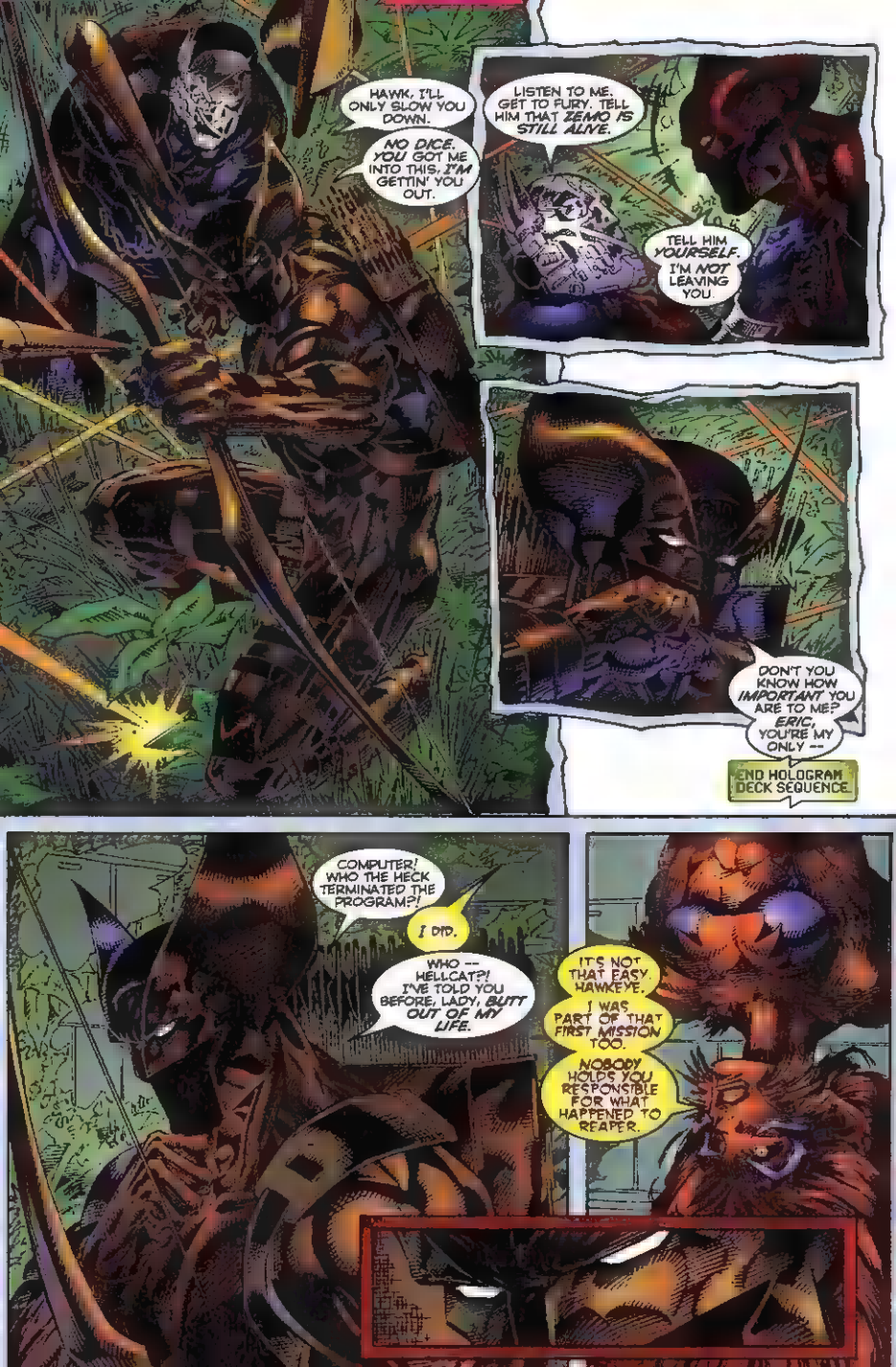
HAWK, I'LL ONLY SLOW YOU DOWN.
NO DICE. YOU GOT ME INTO THIS, I'M GETTIN' YOU OUT.
LISTEN TO ME. GET TO FURY. TELL HIM THAT ZEMO IS STILL ALIVE.
TELL HIM YOURSELF. I'M NOT LEAVING YOU.
DON'T YOU KNOW HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE TO ME? ERIC, YOU'RE MY ONLY --
END HOLOGRAM DECK SEQUENCE.
COMPUTER! WHO THE HECK TERMINATED THE PROGRAM?!
I DID.
WHO -- HELLCAT?! I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, LADY, BUTT OUT OF MY LIFE.
IT'S NOT THAT EASY, HAWKEYE. I WAS PART OF THAT FIRST MISSION TOO.
NOBODY HOLDS YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO REAPER.

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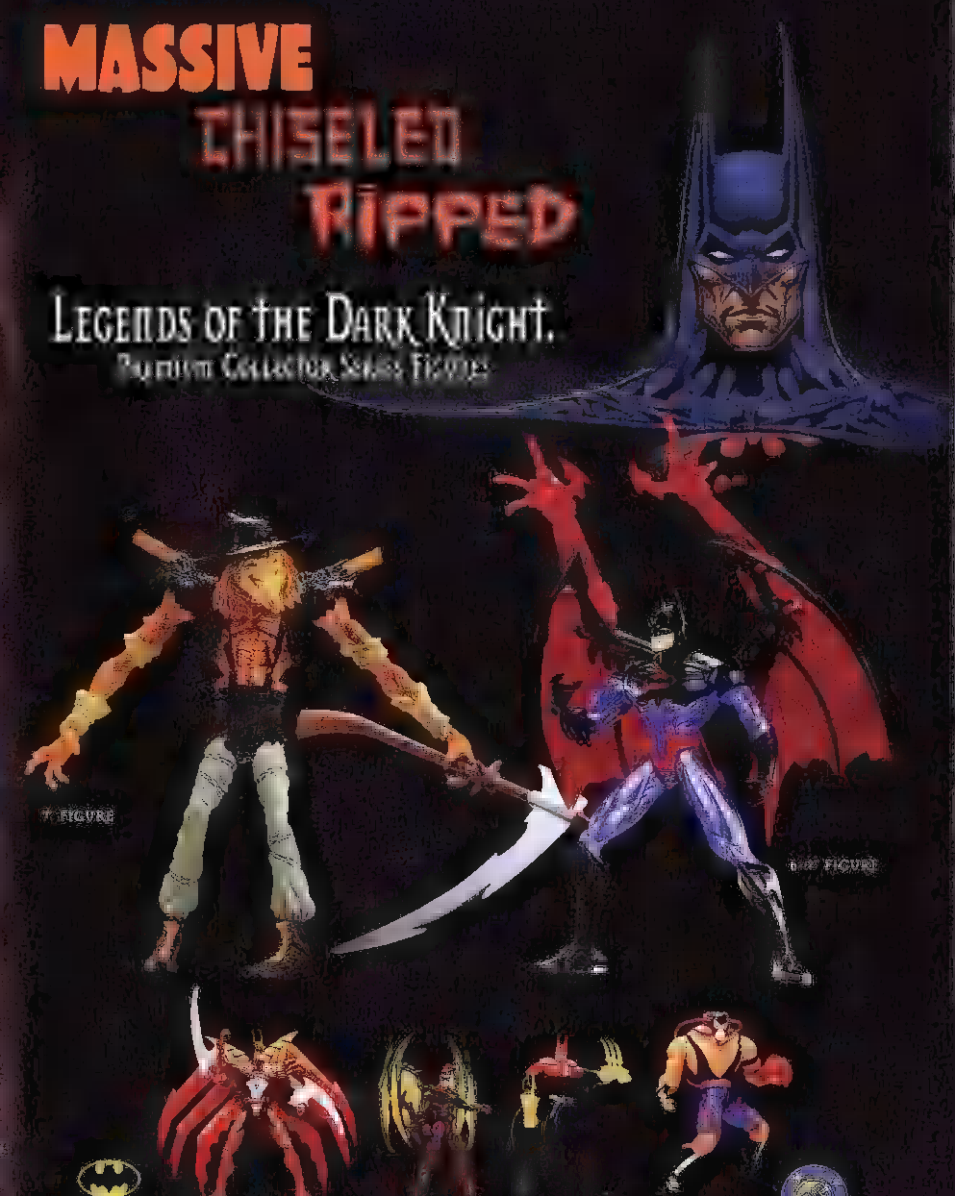

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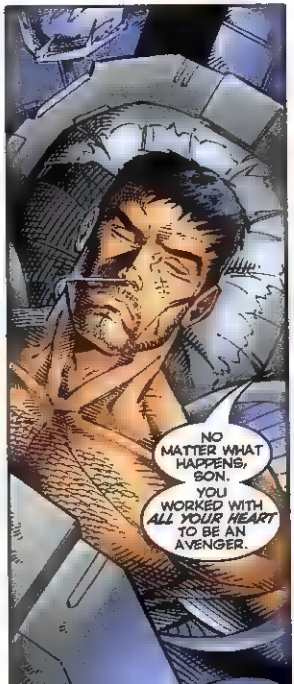
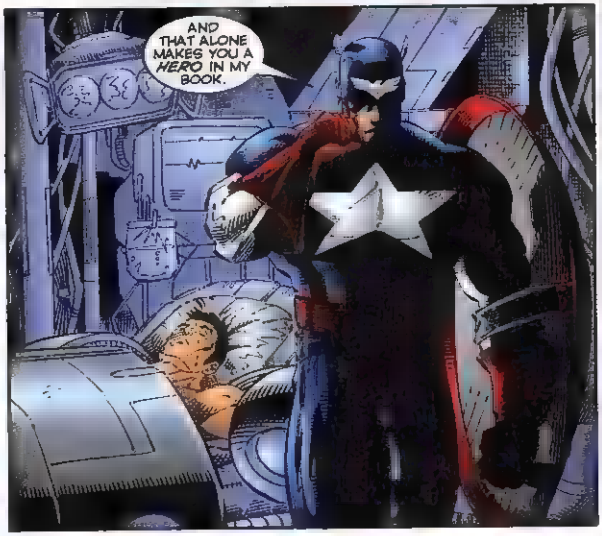
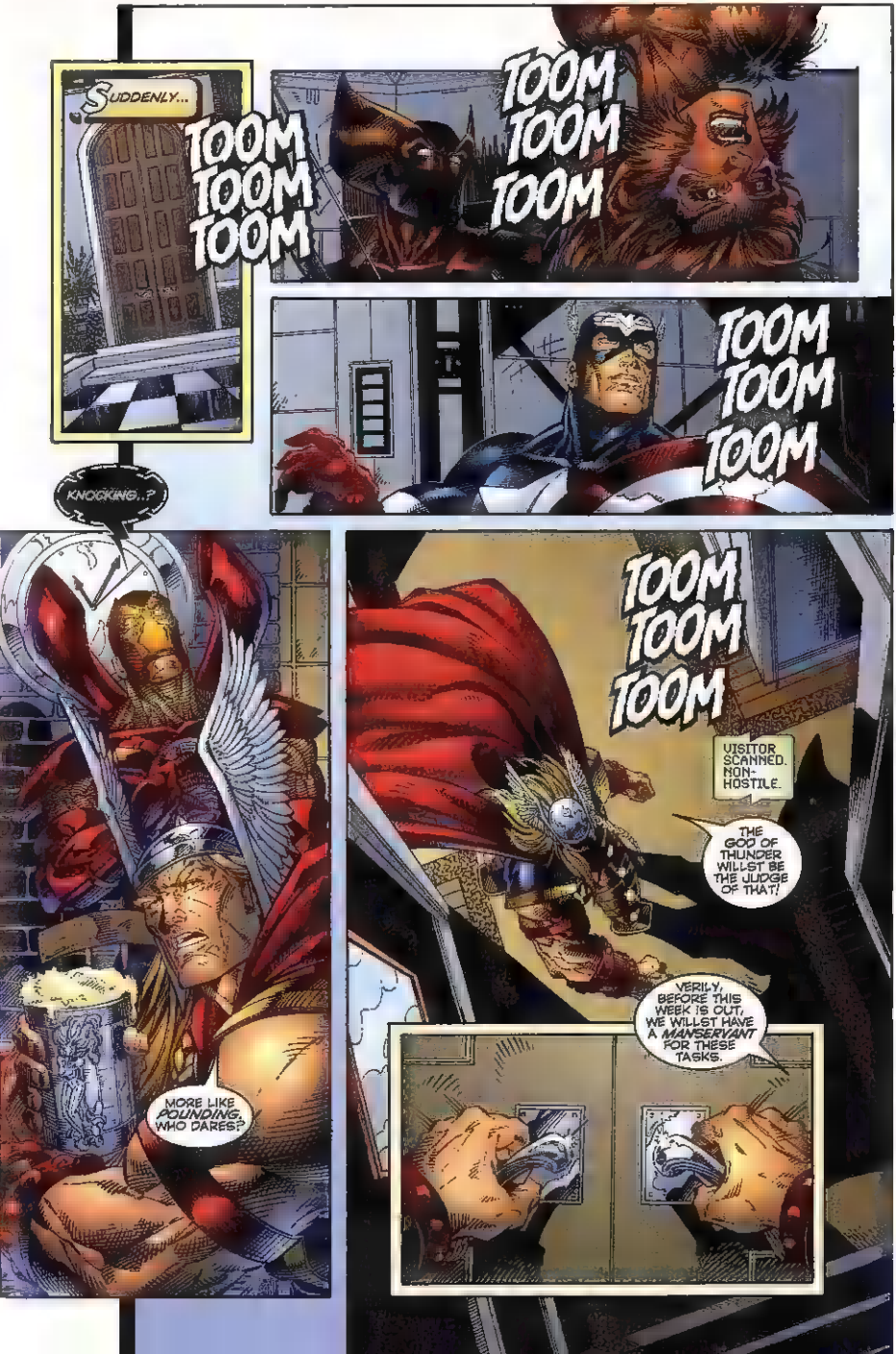
ELSEWHERE IN THE MANSION. THE MEDILAB.
I...I'VE BEEN AT A LOT OF SOLDIERS' BEDSIDES, SWORDSMAN.
YOU DON'T GET TO BE CALLED "CAPTAIN AMERICA" AND NOT [redacted] MEN FALL IN BATTLE.
DIAGNOSTIC RECHECK. SUBJECT: SWORDSMAN. MASSIVE ARTERIAL AND BONE DAMAGE TO BOTH ARMS.

CONDITION: CRITICAL. NO VISIBLE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT.
I KNOW YOU BELIEVE I DIDN'T THINK MUCH OF YOU.
MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU JUMPED RIGHT INTO THE FIGHT WITH THE HULK.
TO PROVE SOMETHING TO [redacted] THAT *DIDN'T NEED PROVING.*


NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, BON.
YOU WORKED WITH *ALL YOUR HEART* TO BE AN AVENGER.


AND THAT ALONE MAKES YOU A *HERO* IN MY BOOK.

BLEEP


SUDDENLY...
TOOM TOOM TOOM
TOOM TOOM TOOM
TOOM TOOM TOOM
KNOCKING..?
MORE LIKE POUNDING. WHO DARES?
TOOM TOOM TOOM
VISITOR SCANNED. NON-HOSTILE.
THE GOD OF THUNDER WILLST BE THE JUDGE OF THAT!
VERILY, BEFORE THIS WEEK IS OUT, WE WILLST HAVE A MANSERVANT FOR THESE TASKS.

You'll
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that
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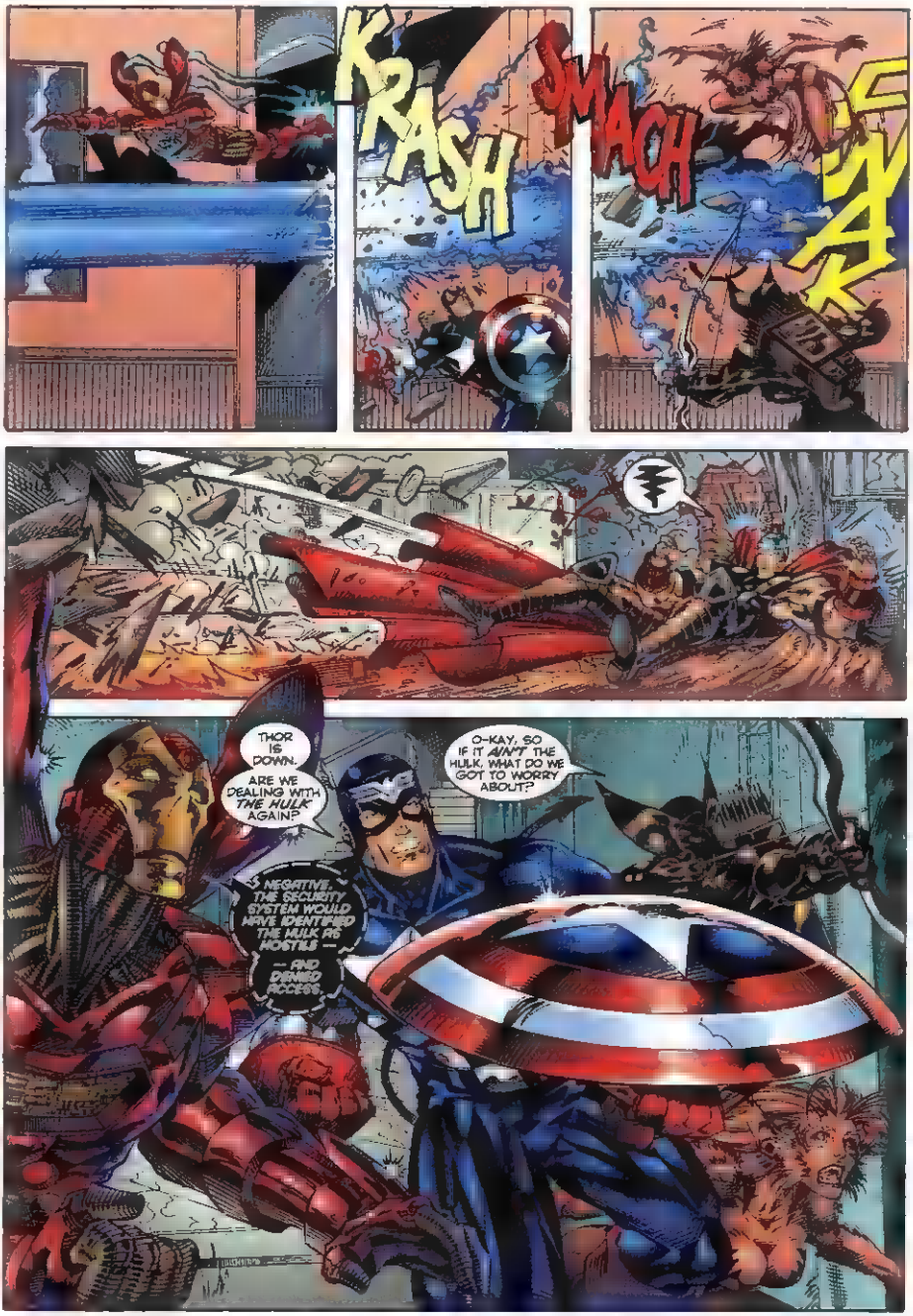
IN NEED OF THE AVENGERS' HELP.
SUCKER!


KRASH
SMACH
THOR IS DOWN.
ARE WE DEALING WITH THE HULK AGAIN?
O-KAY, SO IF IT AIN'T THE HULK, WHAT DO WE GOT TO WORRY ABOUT?
NEGATIVE. THE SECURITY SYSTEM WOULD HAVE IDENTIFIED THE HULK AS HOSTILE — — AND DENIED ACCESS.

BEHOLD.
LETHAL LEGION
MUCH, BOWMAN. MUCH.
Enchantress
WONDER MAN
EXECUTIONER
ULTRON V
COMPUTER!
DIAGNO CHECK.
WHY DIDN'T THE SYSTEM IDENTIFY INTRUDERS AS HOSTILE?
REPEAT: WHY?!

THAT WOULD BE MY DOING...
SCANNING. IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED. SUBJECT: NON-HOSTILE AVENGER. SCARLET WITCH.
NEXT
MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR
STEP RIGHT THIS WAY...

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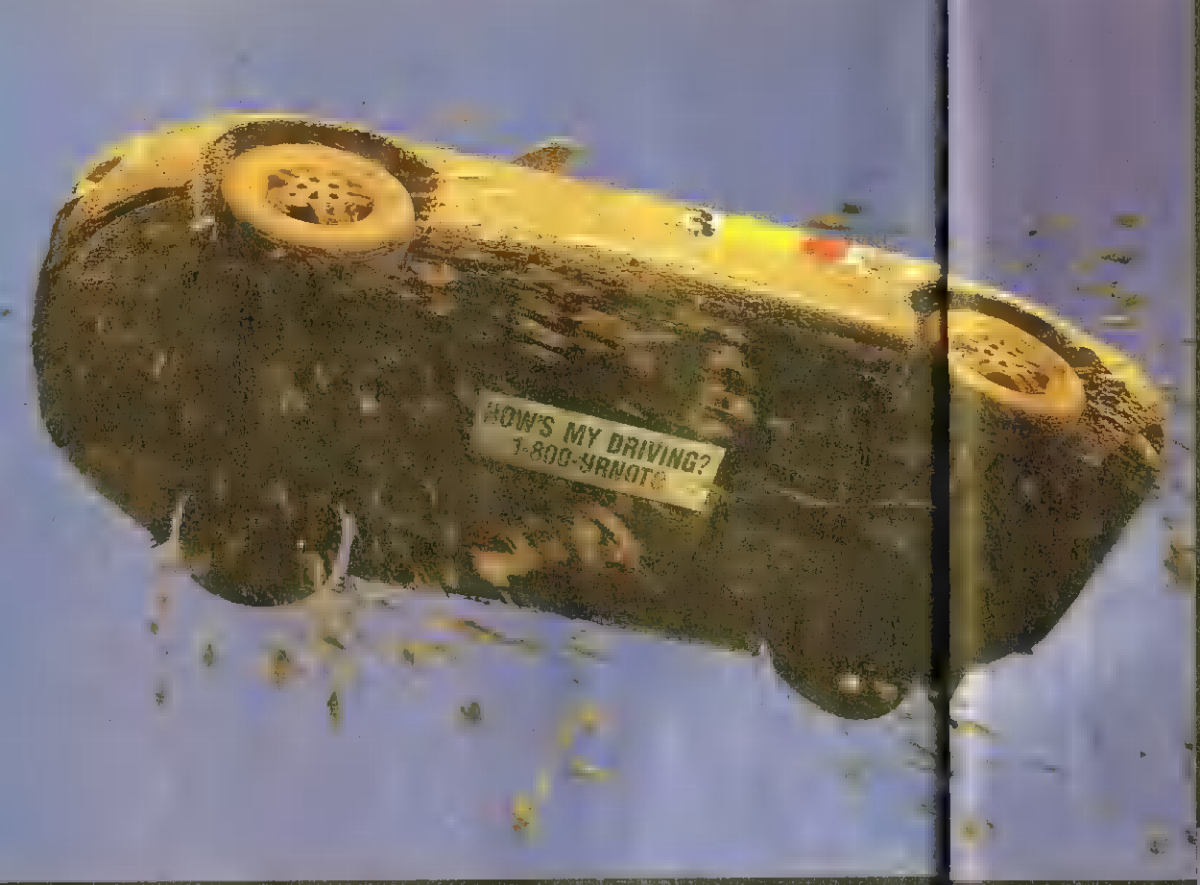
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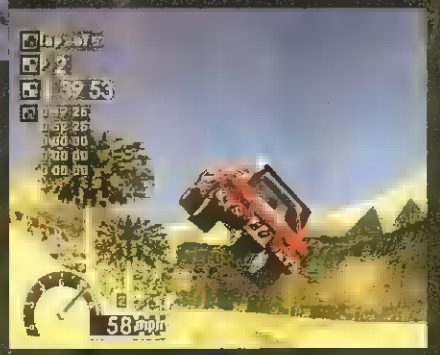
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# HULK #454

## PREVIEW

LAST MONTH WE PREVIEWED ADAM KUBERT'S PENCILS FOR HULK #454, HIS FIRST ISSUE AS NEW PENCILER. THIS TIME WE ADD WORDS BY PETER DAVID AND INKS BY MARK FARMER

THE POUNDING OF THE DRUMS MATCHES THE THUDDING OF HIS POWERFUL HEART AND HE FINDS IN THEM, SOMETHING WITH WHICH HE IDENTIFIES AT A PRIMAL LEVEL.

PETER DAVID · WRITER WELCOMES ADAM KUBERT · NEW PENCILER MARK FARMER · NEW INKER

HUE N CRI NEW COLORIST

JOHN E WORKMAN, JR · NEW LETTERER

BOBBIE CHASE · CRUSTY OLD EDITOR

BOB HARRAS · EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

...HE BEING WHO THEIR NEW WEAPON...

...THEIR NEW ALLY...

...THEIR NEW GOD.

BUT THEY KNOW ALL TOO WELL THAT GODS CAN BE MERCURIAL IN THEIR DISPOSITION.

AND WHEN THE POWERFUL BEING IMPULSIVELY DESCENDS FROM HIS THRONE, THEY QUICKLY PROSTRATE THEMSELVES, QUAKING IN FEAR.

BOTH
ACKED
IT!
ADDENS
AH.
(GREAT ONE... I DO NOT KNOW IF YOU UNDERSTAND MY WORDS...)
(...BUT WE HAVE SAVED THE MOST SACRED PORTION OF THE KILL FOR YOU.)
(BY CONSUMING THE HEART OF THE CREATURE, YOU ACQUIRE THE GIFT OF ITS SAVAGE SPIRIT...)
(EAT IT, GREAT ONE. YOU'VE MORE THAN EARNED IT.)
MUNCH!
MUNCH!
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Sgt. Rock and his Howling Commandoes continue to wage war against the AXIS powers. But will they survive Major Zemo and the War Wheel?

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Frag 'n feathered fury abounds as the main mallard hunts down the murderer of Spider-Boy, Super Soldier and Dark Claw!

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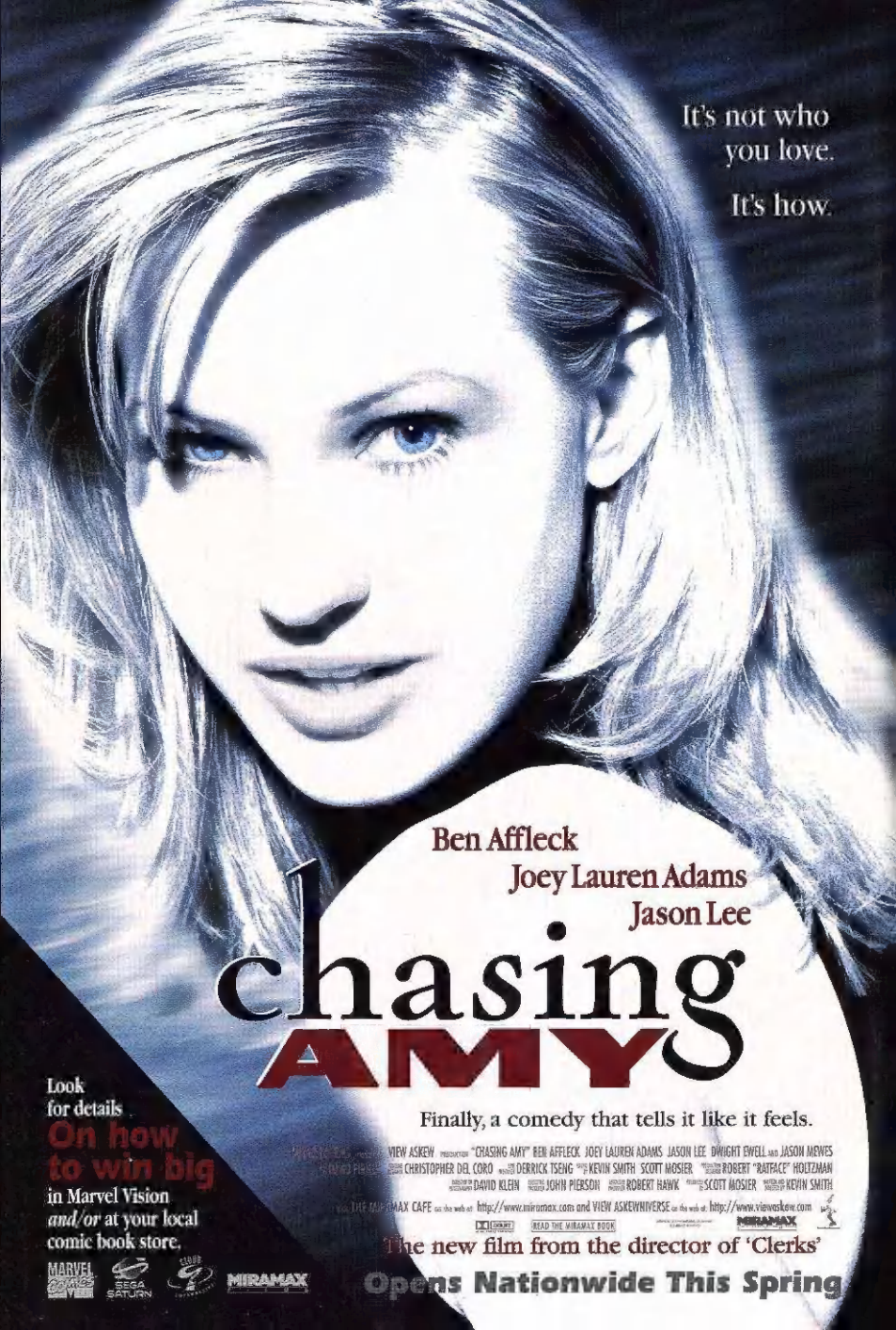
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